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**WARWICK FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$1 MILLION  
TO MERCER MUSEUM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

DOYLESTOWN, PA-

The Mercer Museum announced today that they had secured a lead gift of \$1 million for their Capital Expansion plan from the Warwick Foundation. Elizabeth H. Gemmill, President of the Warwick Foundation of Bucks County and a trustee of the Bucks County Historical Society, visited the museum yesterday to personally present a check to Doug Dolan, President and CEO.

The Museum is seeking to raise \$10 million for Phase One of a comprehensive expansion and renovation program which would feature a 10,000 square-foot expansion that will include a new, 3,500 square-foot climate-controlled, state-of-the-art Exhibition Gallery; a new 1,500 square-foot Changing Experiences Gallery to accommodate interactive exhibits, enhanced educational programs, and activities; enhanced visitor services and amenities along with improvements to the Museum's original central core, including renovated exhibit spaces offering innovative and interactive methods for exploring the Museum's collections; as well as a refurbished and expanded 70-car parking facility.

The museum unveiled its Capital Expansion plan known as, "Making History: a Vision for the New Mercer Museum," in October, 2006. To date, the museum has raised \$2 million toward the expansion.

The Mercer Museum offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America as seen through the tools used in everyday life. The Museum's collection includes more than 40,000 objects exhibiting the tools of more than 60 different crafts and trades, providing one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of material culture in America, from the 1700's to the beginning of industry in the Nineteenth Century. The Mercer Museum today is one of Bucks County's premier tourist attractions. Fully forty-percent of

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Museum visitors are tourists who travel 50 or more miles to Doylestown. Sixty-percent of visitors are residents of the region.

The Mercer and Fonthill Museums are both administered by the Bucks County Historical Society. The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street in Doylestown and is open for self-guided exploration Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday until 9 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. Admission prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (62 and over), and \$4 for youths ages (5-17). Children under 5 and members are free. For more information, call (215) 345-0210. Fonthill is located on Route 313 & East Court Street in Doylestown, and is open Monday through Saturday, 10

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